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SUBJECT: FY 1975 IV BALOGUN

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1. BALOGUN NOT RPT NOT UPSET BY AFI POSITION OUTLINED REF. B.
AND PREFERS TO RETAIN ETA GIVEN REF A. HE FIRST VIEWED AFI
CONTENTION AS ATTEMPT TO PULL BACK FROM INVITATION, BUT WE STRESSED
THAT
PROBLEM SEEMED TO BE ONE OF COMMUNICATION OR MISUNDERSTANDING OF TERM
"SCREENING."
(I.E. AFI "INVITATION" TO "SCREEN" FILM WAS NECESSARY
PRELIMINARY TO DECIDING WHETHER TO USE FILM IN ACTUAL
PROGRAM SCHEDULING).

2. BALOGUN WILL VISIT AFI DURING WASHINGTON
STOPOVER AND DISCUSS POSSIBILITY SHOWING ONE OF HIS FILMS
ON AFI PROGRAM. HE ALSO SAID WEBB FEBRUARY 14 LETTER, WHICH
HE ANSWERED LAST WEEK, HAD ASKED IF THERE WERE NEWER FILM
HE HE COULD SHOW. HIS LATEST FILM, "AMADI," WHICH PREMIERS IN
APRIL, COULD BE BROUGHT WITH HIM, ALONG WITH "ALPHA,"
HIS EARLIER WORK.

3. RE REQUEST FOR FIFTY POUNDS EXCESS BAGGAGE, BALOGUN EXPLAINED
THAT AS LOW BUDGET PRODUCER HE ONLY HAS ONE PRINT EACH FILM, AND
MUST HAD-CARRY THEM. HE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT FILM COULD BE LOST
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OR DELAYED IF SHIPPING HANDLED BY NIGERIAN EMBASSY. WOULD

WELCOME IT IF NIGERIAN EMBASSY COULD ISSUE EXCESS BAGGAGE TICKET. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT NOT FEASIBLE, URGE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING SINCE TRANSPORTATION OF FILMS INHERENT IN NATURE OF PROJECT.

4. GRANTEES REQUEST FOR REF. A. ROUTING DUE HIS DESIRE TO MAKE AS MANY CONTACTS (ON HIS OWN) AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE HE INTENDS CONTACT PEOPLE IN NEW YORK ON SHORTER INITIAL TRIP TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR LONGER SECOND VISIT THERE. IF DEPARTMENT CANNOT APPROVE ROUTING, BALOGUN WILL TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK AT OWN EXPENSE AND THEN CONTINUE TO OTHER CITIES FROM NEW YORK, PICKING UP USG-PROVIDED TICKET (AND PAYING ANY EXTRA COST FOR REWRITING THIS PORTION OF TICKET).

5. IN LIGHT OF CONVERSATION WITH BALOGUN, APPEARS MISUNDERSTANDING NOW CLEARED UP. BALOGUN HOPES AFI WILL BE USEFUL TO HIS PURPOSE OF GAINING EXPOSURE IN U.S. AND MAKING CONTACTS AMONG FILM DISTRIBUTORS.

6. ADVISE.
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